

Iron County Register

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CURRENT TOPICS.

WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE WORLD.

An effort is being made at St. Louis to turn the tide of colored immigrants now arriving from the South to some other State than Kansas. The Rev. W. O. Lynch, Presiding Elder of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of Topeka, recently visited St. Louis for this purpose. He represented to the local Relief Association that Kansas was already overrun with refugees, and complained that the St. Louis Transportation Committee influenced them to go to Kansas by telling them that \$1,000,000 had been subscribed by the people for their benefit, and that upon their arrival in Kansas they would be well taken care of. He further stated that he had good reason to believe that the Transportation Committee were influenced by money received from steamboat companies. An investigation of the charges was promptly made, which resulted in the removal of the Committee named, and their commissions have been revoked by the Mayor. A branch of the Kansas Relief Association has been established in St. Louis, for the purpose of paying the expenses of all indigent colored immigrants until arrangements can be made to send them to other States. It is said numerous applications for colored laborers have been received from Colorado, Nebraska, Iowa, Michigan and Ohio, and an effort will be made to induce them to go to those States.

The bill for the appointment of a Commission to investigate the question of the tariff, reported by Senator Bayard from the Committee on Finance, provides for the appointment of a Commission of nine members, to be appointed from civil life by the President, and with the advice of the Senate. The first named will be President. The Commissioners will receive \$10 per day each during the period engaged in active duty and actual traveling and other necessary expenses. It shall be the duty of the Commissioners to take into consideration and thoroughly investigate all the various questions relating to agricultural, commercial, mercantile, manufacturing, milling and industrial interests of the United States so far as the same may be necessary to the establishment of a judicious tariff or revision of the existing tariff upon a scale of justice to all interests; and for the purpose of fully examining the matters which may come before it, such Commission is empowered to visit such different portions of the country as it may deem advisable. They shall report to Congress the result of their investigations and testimony taken from time to time and make a final report not later than the first Monday in December, 1891.

The Georgia Central Railroad and Georgia Railroad have leased to the Louisville & Nashville Railroad that portion of the Western Railroad of Alabama extending from Montgomery to Selma, giving the Louisville & Nashville Railroad the option to purchase the same. The purpose and object of the Louisville & Nashville Company in leasing this short branch is, it is understood, to exclude from Montgomery all competition. By this means, business which has gone from St. Louis, New Orleans, Vicksburg, and other points to Montgomery will now be shut out, and an immediate advance in rates to Montgomery by the Louisville and Nashville will probably follow as a natural sequence to this movement.

The Chicago, St. Louis and New Orleans Railroad will, it is reported, construct a new line from Jackson, Tenn., to Nashville, to join there with another line to be built to that point from Danville, Ky., by the Cincinnati Southern, to head off the Louisville & Nashville, which is trying to divert all the Southern business to its own lines.

In accordance with an order from Judge Balliet of the United States Court at Denver, the Western Union Telegraph Company has taken possession of the wires on the Denver Pacific and Kansas Pacific Railroad and branches, and resumed business with all points on these roads, which has been interrupted more or less or transmitted through the American Union Telegraph Company since February 27.

The Massachusetts Republican State Convention was held on the 15th. Two sets of delegates at large were presented, one in favor of Senator Edmunds for President, the other in favor of Gen. Grant. The Sherman men joined hands with the Edmunds forces, and the Blaine men supported the Grant delegates. The balloting resulted in the choice of the Edmunds delegates, the highest of whom received 709 votes out of a total of 1,060 votes cast.

The Chicago Grant meeting, held on the night of the 15th in Central Music Hall, was addressed by Senator Logan, Mr. Emory A. Storrs, Hon. Leonard Swett and others. The hall was packed to its greatest capacity.

GEN. GRANT had an enthusiastic reception at Little Rock, on the 15th. There was a procession, followed at night by a banquet.

The bill introduced in the Senate on the 14th, by Mr. Wallace, requires the Secretary of the Treasury to purchase and extinguish all outstanding 6 per cent. United States bonds to the amount of not less than \$5,000,000 per week. The bill further provides that the amount of these and of all other purchases of outstanding obligations of the United States to be made by the Secretary in each successive week shall be advertised by him the Monday of the week preceding.

It is reported that a conference of leading Grant men recently held in Washington, the name of Gen. Key, Postmaster General, was considered favorably in connection with the second place upon the Presidential ticket.

The Iowa Republican State Convention, held at Des Moines on the 14th, elected a Blaine delegation to the Chicago Convention and instructed the delegates to vote as a unit.

The Kentucky delegates to the Chicago Convention are instructed to vote as a unit for Grant.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

The Mississippi Valley Horticultural Society has arranged to hold a grand Horticultural Exhibition in St. Louis, on the 7th, 8th and 9th of next September. The exhibition will probably be held in the large hall of the Chamber of Commerce.

FIVE convicts, escaped from the Wyoming Penitentiary, have turned road agents and are robbing the mail coaches in the vicinity of Fort Fetterman.

NATHAN FAUCETT and Jacob Muldrow, both colored, were hanged at Mexico, Mo., on the 10th, for the murder of Octave Inlow on September 30 last. From 2,000 to 3,000 people witnessed the double execution, many of the spectators being women and children.

WILLIAM S. BATES was hanged at Barnwell Court-house, S. C., on the 16th, for killing Stephen W. Bash at a dance on Christmas Eve. His execution was private.

WILLIAM WALKER, colored, was hanged at Calvert, Texas, on the 16th, for the murder of Major Monroe, in 1876. Five thousand people witnessed the execution.

A LATER dispatch says that the 700 men, boys, women, girls, priests and foreigners sacrificed at Mandalay for the restoration of the King's health, were buried alive, not "burned," under the towers of the city walls. The following is an explanation of the horror: When a city is built in Burma, human sacrifices are offered. A new monarch usually has a new capital, and the evil spirits are irritated. There has been no change of capital, and the virtue of the old sacrifices being gone, to appease the evil spirits the astrologers declared it necessary to offer 700 lives. The sacrifices were made by the order of King Theebaw. Theebaw's son and heir, only a few months old, and a brother of the late King, have both died of small-pox. Astrologers advise Theebaw to remove the capital to Mount Shobo, the original seat of the present dynasty.

FULL returns of the British Parliamentary elections show that the Liberal majority over the combined opposition, including Home Rulers, will be about sixty. The Irish members who are pledged to follow Parnell's active policy number thirty-six.

DR. R. W. MITCHELL, resident member at Memphis of the National Board of Health, denies the report that any cases of yellow fever have appeared in that city this season.

SENATOR GROVER, of Oregon, is in very poor health. He has not occupied his seat in the Senate for the past three months, and his friends say they have but slight hopes of his ever being able to resume his Senatorial duties.

THE New Orleans Board of Health deny the report that cases of yellow fever occurred in that city during the month of March.

By recent purchase of the Narrow-gauge Railroad from Delphi to Rensselaer, Indiana, which is to be made a standard gauge and extended, the Wabash Railroad may now have a direct road to Toledo and Indianapolis and become a trunk line to the Eastern seaboard.

CHARLES K. LORD, General Passenger Agent of the St. Louis, Kansas City and Northern Railroad, and lately on the Wabash line, has resigned, and takes the same position on the Baltimore and Ohio.

ALEXANDER WILSON, a well known citizen of Covington, Ky., lost his life while engaged in an heroic effort to save the lives of others at a fire in that city on the night of the 13th.

On the night of the 5th inst. a terrible fire broke out in a cotton-weaving factory at Moscow, Russia. The upper stories of the building were tenanted by families numbering some two hundred persons. The fire broke out in one of the lower stories, and spread rapidly over so large an area before it was discovered that descent inside the building was impossible. A rush to the safety staircase outside the building ended in its giving way and depriving the inmates of their only means of escape. Only thirty lives were saved.

HENRY C. FREDERICKS, a well known young man of Chicago, a member of the Board of Trade, committed suicide on the evening of the 13th by jumping from a fifth-story window of the Woodruff House to the ground. His neck was dislocated, causing instant death. Mr. Fredericks had been unfortunate in recent speculations, which, together with failing health, threw him into a state of deep mental depression.

RIGHT REV. ANTHONY DOMINO FELICER, Bishop of the Catholic diocese of San Antonio, Tex., died on the 14th, of carbuncle of the neck, aged 53.

TWO thousand Swedes have already emigrated to America this spring.

CHAS. H. WORTHEN, a traveling salesman for Field, Leiter & Co., of Chicago, lost a leg by a collision on the Grand Trunk Railway at Detroit Junction, in July, 1876. He employed General B. F. Butler as counsel, and secured a verdict for \$18,000. This verdict was set aside, and a second verdict gave him \$36,000. Defendant obtained a third trial, which has just ended at Boston, his award this time being \$45,000, together with the costs of the three trials. This award is the largest ever obtained in Massachusetts, with one exception. The verdict is probably final, as no exceptions were taken.

WALL STREET was excited on the 17th, by a break in Louisville and Nashville Railroad stock, which dropped from 149 to 115, but subsequently recovered about one-half. The decline was caused partly by an important suit brought against the Company and partly by the report that the Chicago, St. Louis and New Orleans Company had perfected arrangements for securing a short through line.

THE Chilean Legation at Washington is informed that Callao, Peru, has been blockaded by six steamers of the Chilean Navy; that a great panic has seized the inhabitants of both Callao and Lima, on account of the disasters to the Peruvian forces, and many are fleeing from their homes.

An explosion occurred in the giant-powder works at Berkeley, Cal., across the bay from San Francisco, on the 17th, by which twelve white men and two or fifteen Chinamen were killed. The explosion occurred in the picking room, and is supposed to have been caused by the workmen using iron hammers instead of wooden mallets. Every person in this department was blown to atoms, the only human remains recognizable, that could be found being a portion of a Chinaman's skull with the queue attached.

RETURNS to the Department of Agriculture show a generally favorable outlook for wheat, although a large proportion of the fall-sown crop in the more Northern States was destroyed during the winter.

THE Western Nail Association have agreed upon a further suspension of work for two weeks from April 14, having already shut down for four weeks.

SOLON HUMPHRIES has succeeded to the Presidency of the Wabash Railway Company.

ROBERT LAURE, formerly Mayor of Chatham, Ont., an extensive mill owner and grain merchant died a few days ago from the effects of injuries received by the explosion of a coal-oil lamp.

THE fifteenth anniversary of Lincoln's death, April 15, was commemorated by appropriate services at his grave, at Springfield, Ill.

FORTY-SIXTH CONGRESS.

APRIL 14.—Senate.—Mr. Wallace introduced a bill—To define the amount and manner of the purchase of public lands to be made by the Secretary of the Treasury. Mr. Voorhees submitted a resolution instructing the Committee on Pensions to report the bill authorizing pensions to surviving soldiers and sailors of the Mexican War. Mr. Call spoke upon the Geneva Award bill. A bill was passed authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to dispose of a part of Fort Dodge Military Reservation to actual settlers under the provisions of the Homestead Act. The bill incorporating the United States Commercial and River Plate Valley Transportation Company, for the purpose of aiding and improving commercial relations between the United States and the Argentine Republic, was referred to the Committee of the Whole. The House then went into the Committee of the Whole on the Indian Appropriation bill.

APRIL 15.—Senate.—The Post-Route bill was reported, ordered printed and recommitted. A number of private pension bills passed. The Geneva Award bill was further considered, and Mr. Blaine spoke against the bill. Mr. Chandler also spoke. A bill was considered in Committee. Mr. Ryan (R., Kan.) offered an amendment providing that all amendments to the Constitution of the same be made at some point in the Mississippi or Missouri Valley. An evening session was held for consideration of several bills.

APRIL 16.—Senate.—A number of private bills were disposed of, after which consideration was resumed of the Geneva Award bill. Speeches being made by Messrs. Jones (Fla.) and Carpenter. Adjourned till Monday.

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APRIL 17.—Senate.—Not in session. House.—A bill passed providing for the re-appointment of the judges of the Supreme Court of Montana, Idaho and Wyoming Territories. The Indian Appropriation bill passed with amendments. The Committee on Pensions reported a resolution for investigation into the facts relating to the reception by Mr. Springer and anonymous letters relating to Belmont and Washington, D.C.

A TERRIBLE CALAMITY. The Village of Marshall, Mo., demolished by a tornado.—Grand old city of Webster County, Mo., a thriving town of about 1,000 inhabitants, on the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad, two hundred and fifteen miles southwest of St. Louis, was almost entirely demolished by the terrible hurricane that swept through that section of the country on the night of the 18th. The storm appears to have originated in Greene County, south of Springfield, where it did a great amount of damage to property and caused the deaths of several people. Passing in a northerly direction into Webster County, it struck the village of Marshall with most terrible force, crushing the houses as though they were egg-shells, cutting a swath half a mile in width, and tearing into tatters every thing in its path. Of the entire village it was reported that not more than a dozen houses remains uninjured. The loss of life was most appalling, whole families in some cases being buried beneath the falling walls of their own houses. To add to the horrors of the scene, fire broke out in the ruins and consumed much of the debris left by the tornado. Sixty-one dead bodies had been recovered up to the evening of the day following the disaster, while the wounded numbered not far from two hundred. As soon as news of the calamity was received, physicians, nurses and supplies of all kinds were forwarded from Springfield and Lebanon by special trains, and every thing done that was possible to mitigate the horrors of the scene. Fortunately one of the few buildings spared was the public school building, and this was improvised into a central hospital, where the wounded were placed upon beds and made as comfortable as possible. The dead, as fast as they were unearthed from the ruins, were placed in the Court-house, where they were washed, dressed for the grave and laid in the front yard on hastily improvised biers to be called for by relatives or by friends.

From other sections of the State information has been received of the ravages of the tornado. In the vicinity of Jefferson City a number of houses were swept away and many of the inmates badly injured. In Callaway County, east of New Bloomfield, several houses were blown down and one lady is reported killed. Barnettville, in Morgan County, was reported almost entirely destroyed, and some ten or twelve deaths had occurred there and along the valley towards North Moreau. Licking, in Texas County, also suffered severely, one-half the town, as reported, being swept away and many persons injured.

THE Senate Select Committee to investigate into alleged frauds in the late election made a report on the 19th.

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Republican State Convention.

The Republican State Convention met at Sedalia on the morning of the 14th. From the Associated Press report of the proceedings the following extracts are taken:

After effecting a temporary organization, half an hour was occupied with a somewhat excited debate on a motion for a split in the delegation from the Ninth congressional district, two parties appearing, and each claiming the right to cast the vote of the delegation. The matter was finally referred to the Committee on Credentials, and the Convention took a recess until two o'clock.

During the recess a Grant caucus was called by Mr. C. F. Fulton and in this caucus the colored element sought recognition and claimed as a right the selection of several colored delegates to the Chicago convention, but their claims met with but little favor.

About two o'clock in the afternoon Judge Wagner, the Chairman, called the Convention to order, when there was an evident hitch and embarrassment among the leaders on the stage of the hall. A delegate from the First congressional district moved for a further recess until 10 o'clock, to allow time for the delegates who had not participated in the Grant caucus to consult, and also for the purpose of giving further time for the report of the committee. This motion meeting some opposition Mr. J. B. Upton of Jasper obtained the floor, and made a telling speech, in which he attacked Mr. Fulton's caucus as a ruse and demagoguery.

The motion for a further recess was then carried, and the Blaine caucus came to the front for the purpose of holding a caucus. The greater part of the delegates remained in the room, and the caucus was held in the hall. The delegates who had not participated in the Grant caucus to consult, and also for the purpose of giving further time for the report of the committee. This motion meeting some opposition Mr. J. B. Upton of Jasper obtained the floor, and made a telling speech, in which he attacked Mr. Fulton's caucus as a ruse and demagoguery.

When the Convention was called to order for the third time the committee on credentials reported, which was read and approved, and the committee on permanent organization presented Judge Wagner for permanent Chairman, Mr. Sedalia for Secretary, and a list of Vice-Presidents, embracing one delegate from each Congressional district. The report was adopted without opposition, and the Convention proceeded with the election of four delegates to the Chicago Convention for the State at large.

After a long, rambling, heated and disorderly debate, a vote was taken by districts, and the following delegates were elected: First district, Nicholas Berg and John A. Webster; Second district, R. Sedalia and J. H. Fohlman; Third district, J. H. Fohlman and T. G. Allen; Fourth district, Wm. Ballen and T. A. Low; Fifth district, R. H. McKeith and W. E. Maynard; Sixth district, A. J. Sedalia and G. R. Sedalia; Seventh district, W. J. Terrell and L. C. Stevens; Eighth district, N. F. Essex and S. C. Osborn; Ninth district, G. R. Sedalia and W. E. Maynard; Tenth district, G. R. Sedalia and W. E. Maynard; Eleventh district, G. R. Sedalia and W. E. Maynard; Twelfth district, G. R. Sedalia and W. E. Maynard.

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